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1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton	State
Mr. Fletcher	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Major Pratt	Army
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Major Rush	Air Force
Mr. Strickland	Air Force
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	CIA (Chairman)

2. The Chairman informed the members of the substance of a memorandum from the DCI to the Secretary of Defense setting forth the views of the IAC regarding the serious curtailment of NIS production brought about by the current emergency situation, with recommendations for measures designed to place the entire NIS Program on a more stable basis. Specifically, it was recommended that there be established within each of the Army, Navy, and Air Force intelligence components a separate group having a fixed personnel ceiling and fixed fiscal support, adequate to enable the resumption of production effort at least commensurate with the requirements of the currently approved NIS production schedule. The Chairman pointed out that the next action would probably be a query to Army, Navy, and Air Force from the Office of the Secretary of Defense as to the extent of additional support required by these agencies to enable them to meet at least their commitments for NIS production for the balance of this fiscal year. It was suggested that, in anticipation of such a request, the members take immediate steps to ensure that such data are readily available. The opinion was expressed that even though financial support were provided in the near future it would be some time before the effect of such aid would be reflected in the production of NIS because of the time required to procure and train personnel. It was pointed out, however, that the Agencies could assist in reducing the over-all time lag in production by placing themselves in a position to furnish immediately any information requested of them as to augmentation of capabilities needed to enable them to fulfill production commitments.

3. The current status of the revised Standard Instructions for NIS was reported as follows:

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Nature, Purpose and Scope of the NIS Program	Dissemination completed
Editorial Instructions	" "
NIS Areas	Being revised
Chapter I (Brief)	Stencil completed and in proofing process
Chapter II (Military Geography)	Dissemination completed
Chapter III (Transportation and Telecommunications)	" "
Chapter IV (Sociological)	" "
Chapter V (Political)	" "
Chapter VI (Economic)	" "
Chapter VII (Scientific)	Being revised
Chapter VIII (Armed Forces)	Dissemination completed
Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal)	" "
Supplement I (Ports and Naval Facilities)	To be stenciled
Supplement II (Air Facilities)	Discontinued
Supplement III (Telecommunications)	To be stenciled
Supplement IV (Urban Areas)	Not revised
Supplement V (Petroleum)	To be stenciled

4. The Chairman announced that the subcommittees now engaged in the revision of the outline, outline guide, and production schedule for Chapter VII were to submit their reports to the Chapter Coordinator on 15 September and that shortly thereafter proposals on these matters would be submitted to the NIS Committee for consideration. The Army member mentioned that he had become aware of certain differences of opinion within the Chapter VII Subcommittees on which there appeared to be slight hope of reaching an agreement on the subcommittee level. The Chairman stated that he had received assurances of the Chapter Coordinator (OSI) that these differences would probably be resolved on the SIC.

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5. The question was raised as to whether or not Air Intelligence Information Reports relating solely to NIS and prepared by Air Attaches in general conformity with NIS format should be given the distribution usually accorded to Attache reports. It is required that, insofar as practicable, these reports be complete by section and lend themselves to being incorporated, after departmental revision, into the NIS of the area concerned. In the first draft form, however, these reports might be considered by some recipients as being USAF approved NIS sections, whereas they are, in fact, unprocessed field reports with which Headquarters USAF may not agree. For this reason it was suggested that this particular type of Air Attache report should receive very limited distribution. The Air Force member stated that it was intended that these reports go directly to the Air Force component producing NIS for review and coordination with other information on the area, and that edited and approved copies would then be submitted for regular processing and publication as NIS. In his opinion these reports would require special handling to ensure that they would be routed directly to the appropriate Air Force component as was intended and not be disseminated as a regular Air Attache report. The Air Force member undertook to arrange this.

6. The question of responsibility for notifying contributors to Chapter IX of NIS Committee actions affecting them was discussed. The Chairman restated NIS policy on this matter as follows:

a. It is the responsibility of the NIS Committee member to inform components in his agency of Committee actions on policy and requirement matters.

b. It is the responsibility of the Chapter Coordinator to inform contributors to the chapter of substantive matters relating to their chapter, to coordinate detailed production schedules, and to ensure production flow in accordance therewith.

c. It was agreed that any questions arising from the above-stated policy would be referred to the Chairman for clarification.


7. The Chairman informed the members that binder posts for the NIS could be obtained in the sizes and quantities desired from the Government Printing Office. It was agreed that each agency would order directly from GPO.

8. It was announced that a list of published NIS and NIS in process in D/NIS would be issued quarterly. It was agreed that the area and section titles would be shown on future issues.

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9. The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.

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